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Inspection of Beeville, Kennedy, and Floresville—Malarial fever—Mosquitoes.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell reports as follows:

Floresville, April 25, 1904. I visited the towns of Kennedy and Beeville on yesterday. Kennedy is a place of about 600 inhabitants, while in Beeville there are about 3,500 people. In neither place could I learn of any sickness that could be considered at all suspicious, nor had there been any this year. Malarial fever is and has been quite prevalent during the past few months. I found mosquitoes more numerous in Beeville than in any place that I have visited, and nothing is being done looking to their destruction. The same conditions prevail in this place. I reached here at 12 o'clock, and have called on Doctor Blake, who is the State health officer of this county. He informs me that there is a great deal of malarial fever in the town and vicinity, and that it is of an intermittent type. He tells me that the mosquitoes are more numerous this season than has been the case heretofore and nothing is being done to destroy them.

Inspection of localities along the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell reports as follows:

San Antonio, April 26, 1904: I returned to San Antonio last night from an inspection trip over the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway. This covered the territory between here, Corpus Christi, and Rockport. I was cordially met and courteously treated by the physicians and people at all places visited. The work which is being done by the Service is seemingly appreciated and the physicians promise to make known the occurrence of any sickness of a suspicious nature. I was unable to learn of any sickness that could in any way be considered suspicious.

The health along the coast is particularly good, but away from the coast malarial fever is quite prevalent. This is distinctly intermittent in character; and yields readily to quinine. I found that very little attention has been given to sanitation, and the mosquito propagates unmolested. Wherever possible I have endeavored to arouse an interest in sanitary matters, and have directed attention to the destruction of the mosquito. I visited Runge, Corpus Christi, Gregory, Rockport, Aransas Pass, Kennedy, Beeville, and Floresville. I met the physician from Karnes City at Kennedy, and he furnished me with all the information that I could have procured by visiting the town. The remainder of the stations noted along the road are little more than sidetracks, and I gained all information concerning them from physicians located in the larger places whose practice extends to these places. I feel satisfied that there is nothing in that territory to cause concern at present.

FLORESVILLE, TEX., *April 25, 1904.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Leave here 6 o'clock for San Antonio, Bexar Hotel.

PURNELL.